

**CITY OF ROCHESTER
COMMITTEE ON URBAN DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENT
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The Committee on Urban Design and Environment (CUDE) met at 11:30AM on Thursday, August 21, 2008 in Room 320 City Hall, Rochester, MN.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Judisch – Chair, Dick Abraham, Gail Eadie, Sandi Goslee, John Klopp, Marcia Marcoux, Lindsey Meek, Kathryn Moe, Roger Nelson, Dave Petersen, Pauline Walle, Jean Weathers-Lowin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Engel, Mark Jasmin, Terry Spaeth, Zach Thaler

The meeting began at 11:35.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Ms. Weathers-Lowin made a motion to approve the July minutes, seconded by Mr. Klopp. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Member

CUDE's newest member, Lindsey Meek, introduced herself to the group. Ms. Meek was appointed to fill the spot vacated by Jay Meier.

CUDE Notes of Appreciation

In response to last month's discussion regarding whether there are enough worthy projects to have a CUDE Awards ceremony this year, members brought in suggestions for Notes of Appreciation/Award nominations.

Ms. Marcoux: SW landscaping projects, Paint the Pavement

Ms. Walle: Historic SW Neighborhood group for landscaping projects, garden in Rocky Creek Mobile Home Park

Mr. Nelson: Paint the Pavement (RColorful Corners), LGR Graham Park project, Second Street Project (may be better for next year), Kismet building murals, new synagogue, Graham ice complex, Peace Plaza

Mr. Petersen: Graham Park, Peace Plaza, Ken Alson's tour of historic homes (part of Rochesterfest), RNeighbors' walking cards

Ms. Moe: 300 1st Ave SW building, outstanding appearance for Mayo Campus

Mr. Klopp: Shoppes on Maine (community site enhancement), Think Mutual Bank at Shoppes on Maine

Ms. Eadie: LGR Graham Park, synagogue, Peace Plaza, University Square remodel (Chafoulis Co.), older homes that are being recycled (Mr. Klopp will check into which remodelers have been working on these, Ms. Marcoux said Radcliffe Builders is doing one in Folwell)

Mr. Engel: Silver Lake rehab, Hadley Creek, City Center (will probably look at all of these for next year as not quite done yet)

Ms. Goslee: Thursdays on 1st and 3rd (send to Heidi Mested of RDA)

Ms. Eadie made a motion to have all nominators fill out forms for their recommended projects and recommend them all for postcards in September. She also made a motion to move the CUDE Awards to a Tuesday in February so we can consider things over the course of a building season; Mr. Nelson seconded. Unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Active Communities Update

Ms. Marcoux presented the update.

A draft resolution on “complete streets” will go to the City Council at the September 8th COW meeting. Also at that meeting will be a recap of the project and initiation of all text amendments that include active communities policies.

Gaps in pedestrian/ bike facilities should be addressed, as well as parking/shared parking standards, associated Park and Rec issues, neighborhood gardens, and incentives and standards. Mr. Abraham commented that CUDE would be a good body for coming up with design standards. Ms. Weathers-Lowin suggested that a pictorial reference of good design examples be compiled. Mr. Petersen commented that with so much expertise on CUDE, we need to start working on this.

Ms. Weathers-Lowin suggested we contact Rochester Magazine about getting CUDE articles in there on a regular basis.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Marcoux informed the group that the Kersten Knits building on 2nd Street SW is available for free to someone who will pay to move it.

Adjourn – 1:00 PM

Next meeting will be September 18th, 11:30AM.